

November 25, 2008

Interstate 10 Construction Update

No construction closures along state highways over Thanksgiving weekend; ADOT stresses holiday safety

(Listen to an audio report of upcoming work)

Upcoming Restrictions

There are no closures planned for this week, but ADOT is advising holiday travelers to allow extra travel time, especially on the traditionally busy Wednesday and Sunday afternoons and evenings before and after Thanksgiving Day. While no closures are scheduled, existing work zones will continue to stay in place.

Project Information

The I-10 Improvement Project will provide additional lanes between Verrado Way and Loop 101 (Agua Fria Freeway). The freeway expansion includes widening the existing median and adding outside lanes to improve east/west traffic flow in the West Valley.

This project is one of the first elements of the Regional Transportation Plan and is funded

through a voter-approved sales tax to improve and construct new transportation options in Maricopa County through 2025. More information on the *Regional Transportation Plan* is available at www.ValleyFreeways.com.

ADOT strives to inform the public about planned freeway restrictions. As with any complex construction project, there is a possibility that severe weather or other unforeseen difficulties may result in unscheduled closures or restrictions.

Please visit the ADOT <u>Web site</u> for the most current information about planned and ongoing I-10 restrictions.

Here's an overview of scheduled restrictions on I-10 in the West Valley:

Interstate 10

Wednesday, Nov. 26 - Monday, Dec. 1

I-10 west of Phoenix will be open with two lanes in each direction between Dysart Road and Sarival Avenue, where crews are adding lanes and making interchange improvements.

Work Zone Safety

Safety is a vital part of the ongoing construction process. It is important to plan ahead for restrictions and to slow down in the work zone. Drivers and pedestrians are responsible for staying alert and obeying traffic laws; including signage, traffic barricades and flaggers within construction work zones. Most importantly: *slow down in the work zones*. The speed limit on I-10 has been reduced to 55 mph in work zones for the project duration. The reduced speed limits are intended to protect drivers, passengers and workers in the work zone. Please click here for additional safety tips.

An audio podcast outlining this week's I-10 Traffic Alert can be downloaded from the ADOT Web site.

- For general information about I-10 improvements, contact the I-10 project hotline at 602.288.9919 or ADOT@policydevelopmentgroup.com.
- For information on construction activities, contact Lars Jacoby at 602.712.7176 or LJacoby@azdot.gov.
- For traffic updates across Arizona, visit ADOT's Travel Information Site at www. az511.gov or call 5-1-1

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